MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As the time and labour involved in the preparation of the list are out of all proportion to its utility, the Government do not propose to call for it.

Improvements to the Dalavapuram and Venjaramud Traces.

59. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the estimates called for for improving the Dalavapuram (Attingal to Varkalai) and Chirayinkil-Venjaramud traces and converting them into roads fit for cart traffic have been received?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No. The estimates are reported to be under preparation.

Elakaman-Chirakkara Road.

60. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that a new road known as "Elakaman-Chirakkara road" has been opened in 1096 by the people of Ayirur in Varkala, at their own expense;

(*b*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the necessity of taking over this road under departmental control and maintenance; and

(*c*) whether this road is now maintained and repaired by the Public Works Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. It is not a road, but only a trace.

(*b*) Yes. But unless the people convert it into a road under the Ryots' Roads Rules, the Government cannot take any action in the matter.

(*c*) No.

Mental Defectives and Criminal Lunatics in the Central Prison.

61. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of mental defectives and recovered criminal lunatics now undergoing incarceration in the Central Prison; and

(*b*) whether arrangements exist for keeping them separate from other convicts?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No mental defectives are at present undergoing incarceration in the Central Prison. But there are two convicted prisoners and one under-trial prisoner who were once inmates of the lunatic asylum.

(*b*) There is no special accommodation for keeping the mental defectives, but, whenever any prisoner shows signs of insanity, he is lodged in a separate cell apart from others.

Moral Instructor, Central Prison.

62. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) whether Mr. K. S. Narayana Aiyar, Moral Instructor to the convicts in the Central Prison, has been made a non-official visitor of that institution; and

(*b*) whether he continues to receive any remuneration from the Prison Department in the capacity of Moral Instructor?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative in each case.

Manufacture of Ink by the Department of Industries.

63. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state how far the attempts made to manufacture soluble fluid ink, ink powder and ink tablets by the Department of Industries have been successful?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Department of Industries has made blue black ink of good quality. Work on ink powder and ink tablets will be started soon.

Sale of Immoveable Properties under the Revenue Recovery Regulation in 1100.

64. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received "a clear report" from the Land Revenue Commissioner concerning the abnormal increase in the sale of immoveable properties for the realisation of land tax in the year 1100; and, if so, will they be pleased to lay it on the table?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. A copy* of the report is laid on the table.

Commutation of Tax on Kandukrishi Lands.

65. **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state what progress has been made towards the commutation of *kist* in kind into money with regard to *Kandukrishi* lands since the last pronouncement of the Government on the subject?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Out of the paddy collections from *Kandukrishi* lands more than 50 per cent. is now used in kind for supply of rice to Palaces, and for payments of family pensions, *jenmibhogam, arthapalisa, tiruppuvaram*, etc. The Government are in correspondence with the Land Revenue Commissioner in regard to the arrangements to be made for the satisfaction of these claims in the event of payment in kind in respect of *kandukrishi* lands being abolished. His final report has not yet been received.

Commutation of Kist on Kandukrishi Lands.

66. **MR. K. K. THOMAS** (*Kottayam*): With regard to the question of altering the system of payment of *Kandukrishi pattom* in kind, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the action taken by them since the reply to the motion thereon printed at page 294 of Volume VII of the Legislative Council Proceedings;

* *Vide* Appendix I—pages 151 and 152.

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